1.   (ONCE AMENDED) A recordable and/or rewritable recording medium to record data comprising:

a Lead-in area;

a Lead-out area; and

a user data area;

wherein the recording medium stores write protection information in an RMD (Recording Management Data) field of an RMA (Recording management Area) area to protect the data recorded on the recording medium from unwanted overwriting or erasing.

2.   (ONCE AMENDED) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the recording medium satisfies a DVD-RW (digital Versatile Disc Rewritable) specification.

4.   (ONCE AMENDED) The recording medium of claim 3, wherein when the writing protection information read from one of the plurality of physically separate locations matches the writing protection information read from another one of the physically separate locations, the recording medium is indicated as being set to a write protection state.

5.   (ONCE AMENDED) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the recording medium comprises a recording information area, distinct from the Lead-in area, the Lead-out area and the user data area, and including RMD fields, wherein the RMD fields store information indicative of pre-use certification and defect management in use.   ✕

7.   (ONCE AMENDED) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the write protection information is stored in a byte position BP3 of RMD field 0, and information indicative of types of recording medium, indicating whether the recording medium satisfies the DVD-RW specification, is stored in byte positions BP0 and BP1 of the RMD field 0.